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SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY: May I know whether it is a fact that in 1957 a few months after the merger, Middle School Tamil Pandits were promoted as the then Second Grade Travancore-Cochin Pandits whereas Malayalam and Hindi Pandits on a par with those qualifications were not promoted though there were vacancies?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: I do not have the information.

Prize Bonds

* 296 *Q.*—DR. A. SREENIVASAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any instructions have been issued to the District Collectors for the sale of Prize Bonds; and

(*b*) if so, what they are?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: (*a*) & (*b*) A statement [a] is placed on the table of the House.

DR. A. SREENIVASAN: Is it part of the duties of the Government servants to indulge in these extra activities to the detriment of their official work?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: We always take care that their routine duties are not upset by these special duties. In the present context of economic development these are also duties of the Government servants.

DR. A. SREENIVASAN: Does not the Minister consider that the public are likely to take undue advantage of the contact they establish with these officials when they purchase these bonds?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: We have got full confidence in our public servants. I do not think they will get soiled as the hon. Member thinks.

DR. A. SREENIVASAN: Do not the Government adopt a particular method in collecting loans? Why did not the Government adopt that method in the case of sale of these bonds?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: Loan is quite different from prize bonds. Therefore, a different procedure will have to be laid down for different collections.

DR. A. SREENIVASAN: Is it a fact that certain officials harassed some people when they refused to purchase these prize bonds?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM. This is a very vague allegation. I am unable to say 'yes' or 'no'.

DR. A. SREENIVASAN: One P. K. Thangavelu.

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[a] Printed as Appendix I on page 329 infra.

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : I do not think individual cases like this can be brought up.

DR. A. SREENIVASAN : I want the indulgence for only one minute. I have got hundreds of letters and it is not possible for me to send them on to the Government. I am taking only one example to prove the fact that there has been . . .

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : The hon. Member is reading from a paper. He is not entitled to do so .

Water-supply to Tiruchirappalli town

* 297 *Q.*—SRI M. SUBBIAH CHETTIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the source of water supply to Tiruchirappalli town is protected and, if so, the area so protected; and

(*b*) whether it is a fact that villagers resident near and around the source of water-supply pollute the water and, if so, the steps taken or proposed to be taken to prevent such pollution?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : (*a*) Yes, Sir. The area protected extends to nearly 1,500 feet on either side of the pumping main.

(*b*) Yes, Sir. A fence has been erected all along the bund of the river. The gate that was kept locked was broken many times necessitating reports to Police. The Municipal Council provided a public fountain outside the fence so that the people near by might use it and not enter the Padugai lands and then into the river. Due to persuasion, the number of trespassers is gradually going down.

SRI M. SUBBIAH CHETTIAR : Is it a fact that a gate is provided in the fence for the use of the villagers who are living nearby?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : A gate is provided and they make use of it. They go through it and get into the river foully. That is why we tried the Police method. But ultimately persuasion produced better results. The number of trespassers is going down.

SRI M. SUBBIAH CHETTIAR : Why is a gate provided in the middle?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : If it is all fence, how can anyone go? Even a legitimate man could not go then. He must have an opening to go. Previously there was no fence at all. When we put up a fence, there must also be a gate.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Is the water supplied to Tiruchirappalli town drawn from wells sunk in the river bank or drawn from the Cauvery flowing waters?